

Samuel Adeyanju

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Career Profile

Natural Resources Management professional with over three years of experience in administrative support, event planning, program management at both local and global forestry conferences. Experienced in supporting delivery of outreach plans. Exceptional communication, research and report writing skills. Experienced working independently and within teams to complete projects in Africa, Europe and North America.

- Report Writing
- Research
- Youth Outreach and Liaison
- Admin/Management Support
- Social Media Strategy and Implementation
- Program Management

Education

Master of Science in Forestry, 2020

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

Bachelor of Agriculture Technology in Forestry and Wood Technology, 2016

Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria

Experience Highlights

Outreach Assistant (Intern), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, Italy 7/2020 to Present

- Supporting the development of education modules for FAO Forestry Education project, providing technical content for the three interactive, forest-based learning modules for children aged 9-12 in Tanzania and the Philippines.
- Providing research support to the Outreach team towards the planning of the XV World Forestry Congress 2021.
- Supported the Forestry Department Outreach team in the preparation and successful organization of the 25th session of the Committee on Forestry from 5 to 9 October 2020.

Research Assistant, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada 5/2020 to 8/2020

- As a member of the [COLANDS project team](#), I conducted a desktop study that explored the potential for integrated landscape approaches in both Ghana and Zambia from a historical perspective, both colonial and post-colonial and in relation to efforts at promoting sustainable and equitable Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM).

Graduate Researcher, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada 9/2017 to 3/2020

Spearhead socioeconomic component of three-year research study, exploring drivers and status of biodiversity conservation in sacred groves in Southwest Nigeria. Ensure ethical research protocols and policies are maintained during all project phases, with focus on influencing conservation policy.

- Authored research proposal, coordinated focus groups, facilitated interviews, and designed and analyzed surveys to collect extensive data from 200 research participants and multiple project stakeholders.
- Analyzed and synthesized data and findings to influence preservation policy of sacred sites in Southwest Nigeria, with findings to be presented as Master's thesis and added to reports submitted to the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany.

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Student Ambassador, UBC Institute for Resources Environment and Sustainability, Vancouver, Canada Summer 2019

Oversaw events and activities for 40+ international students studying abroad in Canada in IRES Vancouver Summer Program (VSP). Liaised between students and IRES department, providing timely and informative answers to inquiries in person, as well as via social media and email, to ensure a worthwhile experience.

- Directed event planning including airport pickups, field trips, and social activities, coordinating vendors, managing scheduling, and prioritizing events.
- Optimized social activity registration process utilizing Qualtrics, as well as developed an academic resource guide to assist students with their studies.

Project Assistant, UBC Go-Global: International Learning Programs, Vancouver, Canada 9/2017 to 4/2018

Delivered administrative support and database management to aid university's international learning programs. Oversaw program marketing, promoting information sessions and programs encouraging students to go on exchange abroad utilizing social media marketing and positioning posters around campus.

- Assisted with event logistics during Global Experience Fair and increased registration for UBC exchange programs, offering information on exchange opportunities abroad to 100+ interested students at program's information booth.

Community Leadership

Founder and International Director, Pace Impact International Foundation, Akure, Nigeria 1/2013 to Present

- Develop and implement low-cost education projects in Nigeria and seek local and international partnerships to support organization; facilitated leadership and entrepreneurial workshop with speakers addressing 200+ students, coordinating team of 20 volunteers.

President, International Forestry Students Association (IFSA), UBC, Vancouver, Canada 9/2018 to 9/2019

Head of Special Events for Climate Change, IFSA, UBC, Vancouver, Canada 9/2017 to 8/2018

- Completed annual budget, allowing for new promotional materials and sponsorship of four members for international conferences, created awareness for UNECE COFFI 2018 attracting 30+ student participants, and launched One on One with the Expert Series, providing opportunities for students to engage with forestry experts. Coordinated special events for IFSA members, including organizing annual ["Prepping for COP" Climate Event](#).

Student Sustainability Council, UBC, Vancouver, Canada 9/2018 to 4/2019

- Collaborated within Council to provide informative feedback and comments on projects, programs, and initiatives, improving project sustainability components.

Graduate Student Ambassador, UBC Faculty of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, Vancouver Canada 5/2018 to 7/2019

- Educated prospective students about UBC graduate program, sharing personal experience and answering questions in-person and via video chat sessions.

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Climate Advocacy Experience

Delegate, Global Landscapes Forum (GLF Accra 2019), Restoring Africa's Landscapes: Uniting actions from above and below, Accra, Ghana 10/2019

- Contributed to discussions in various interactive sessions during Forum, and shared experiences as youth leader in landscape restoration in interview by GLF media team.

Delegate, United Nations Youth Climate Summit, New York, USA 9/2019

- Engaged in intergenerational dialogue and advocacy with global political leaders and private sector executives on need for a robust and ambitious climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, serving as one of 500 young climate champions from around the world selected to attend the Summit.

Panelist, [Global Landscapes Forum \(GLF Kyoto 2019\)](#), Operationalizing the landscape approach: Learning from doing, Vancouver, Canada 5/2019

- Served as panelist, presenting research on cultural landscapes in Nigeria and participating from Vancouver as youth representative at the [GLF Kyoto Live discussion](#).

Youth Keynote Speaker, [UNECE Committee on Forest and Forest Industry \(COFFI2018\)](#), Vancouver, Canada 11/2018

- Delivered [youth keynote speech](#) and supported the Youth Coordinators of UNECE COFFI 2018, creating awareness about COFFI and ensuring good representation of IFSA members attended event.

Panelist, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (COP23), Bonn, Germany 11/2017

- Served as [panelist](#) at IFSA Press Conference on forestry perspectives in climate change mitigation and adaptation, reported activities at COP23 events to the global forestry student membership using blog posts and social media, and conducted an interview with one of UN's leading climate advisers at the UNGA president's office.

Publications

PEERED REVIEWED ARTICLE AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Adeyanju S., Mogaji E., Olusola J., Oyinlola M. (2020) Factors Influencing Students' Choice of a Federal University: A Case Study of a Nigerian Federal University. In: Mogaji E., Maringe F., Ebo Hinson R. (eds) Higher Education Marketing in Africa. (pp 135-163). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

Adeyanju S., Bulkan J, Onyekwelu JC, Peterson St-Laurent G, Kozak R, Sunderland T, Stimm B. Drivers of biodiversity conservation in sacred groves: A comparative study of three sacred groves in South-west Nigeria. (Under Review)

Adeyanju S., Ajilore O., Ogunlalu O., Onatunji, A., Mogaji E. Innovating in the face of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic: Case studies from Nigerian Universities. (Under Review)

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Smith, T., Doyle-Yamaguchi, E., **Adeyanju, S.**, Nosten, M., Kang, H., Lewis, S. Reflections on the Transforming Approaches to Forests and Forestry Through Local and Indigenous Knowledges Conference. (Submitted)

WIKI PAGES AND OTHERS

Adeyanju S. (2017). A case study on Bimbia Bonadikombo Community Forest (BBCF), South West Region of Cameroon: Emergence, Impacts, and Improvements. Open Case Studies on UBC Wiki <https://tinyurl.com/rgocnw8>

Adeyanju S. (2017). Illegal Logging in the Republic of Congo. Open Case Studies on UBC Wiki <https://tinyurl.com/skm7rlh>

Adeyanju S. (2018). Advancing education in Africa through the Mastercard Foundation Scholar's program. UBC Forestry Branchlines publication Pg. 6 https://issuu.com/ubcforestry/docs/bl_29.4/6

Trainings

Youth in Landscapes Camp

- **Training organization:** The Youth in Landscapes Initiative (YIL) and Global Landscapes Forum.
Date: October 26th – 27th, 2019 | **Location:** Accra, Ghana.

Responsible Forest Management and Sustainable Forest Product Supply Chains' Training Course.

- **Training organization:** Soil Association Certification Limited, Bristol, UK.
Date: 25th March – 5th April, 2019 | **Location:** Shuttleworth College, Biggleswade, UK

Professional Associations

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| • Member, African Forest Forum, Nairobi, Kenya. | 10/2015 to Present |
| • Member, Connecting Environmental Professionals, Vancouver, Canada | 11/2019 to Present |

Scholarships and Awards

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Award (2017 - 2020)	CAD 70,000
Mary and David Macaree Fellowship (2019)	CAD 1,200
Go Global Self-Initiated Research Award (2019)	CAD 2,000
Donald S McPhee Fellowship (2018)	CAD 1,700
St John's College Charles C & Sophia Wong Memorial Fellowship (2018)	CAD 2,500